Disposal of waste

2089. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in clear violation of the Supreme Court order on hazardous waste disposal, industrial effluent and sludge is being dumped on the streets in the Wazirpur Industrial Area as the common effluent treatment plant is not working;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to ensure that the Supreme Court orders are fully implemented; and

(c) whether with this state of affairs, precautionary measures have been adopted so that resultant diseases do not infect the residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per information made available by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), Government of Delhi, the Wazirpur Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) is not working since 13.5.2005. DPCC has issued directions to the industrial units for the operation of the Effluent Treatment Plant.

Authorizations for handling hazardous waste are granted to these units as per the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 amended 2000, 2003 and as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition 657/95, development of a temporary hazardous waste storage facility has been assigned to M/s Ramkee Infrastructure by Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation (DSIDC).

(c) A new Industrial Waste Water Conveyance System has been laid by Delhi Jal Board and the DSIDC has been directed completion of repair works of CETP by 15.8.2005. A permanent site for Treatment, Storage, Disposal Facility (TSDF) for hazardous waste generated in Delhi has been identified in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan.

Action under Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001

2090. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Pollution Boards have, so far, taken any action

against erring organizations under the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken;

(c) whether there is any action plan of his Ministry to bring awareness of the Rules among the various parties connected with the Rules;

(d) if so, the details of such action plan; and

(e) if not, whether there is any proposal to have such an action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001, the State Pollution Control Boards are the prescribed authority to ensure compliance of the provisions under the rules and provide information on the status of compliance to the Central Pollution Control Board. Seventy four units have been registered for recycling of batteries by the Central Pollution Control Board under the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2003.

(c) to (e) According to the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001, it is the responsibility of the manufacturer, importer, assembler, re-conditioner and recycler of the batteries to create public awareness through advertisements, publications and posters. Awareness workshops have been organized by Indian Lead Zinc Development Association (ILZDA) and the Indian Battery Manufacturers Association for the benefit of recyclers and battery manufacturers. Also media such as radio and television are used to create mass awareness among the public.

Relocation of tiger reserves

2091. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to relocate some tiger reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that to save tigers, some States have asked for a special financial package to meet the immediate needs of national parks and reserves; and